

WATER QUALITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANTS FY 2002 REGION 8 GUIDANCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this guidance is to supplement the FY2002 Region 8 Request for Proposals (RFP) under the “Consolidated Funding Process” for projects to be considered for funding under the Water Quality Cooperative Agreement provisions of Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the time lines, proposal format and additional criteria established in the FY2002 Request for Proposals under the Consolidated Funding Process.

INTRODUCTION

Funding under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 104(b)(3) is for short duration (1 to 2 year) projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution. Funds are awarded competitively to projects with a maximum two year duration.

Projects in the following program areas will be given highest priority for funding: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, WET Weather (Sanitary Sewer Overflows, Storm Water), Biosolids, Pretreatment, Infrastructure Funding related to Operations and Maintenance issues for small communities, Capacity Building for Tribes, restoration of priority watersheds as identified in State Unified Watershed Assessments or 303(d) lists, and water quality impacts of point sources due to growth and sprawl. Call Jennifer Harris at 303-312-6254 for example projects or further information.

GENERAL CRITERIA

The submitted project proposal MUST meet these criteria in order to be ranked. Proposals that do not meet these requirements will not enter the competitive process for Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Grants..

- ☺ The proposal describes a specific project that has a definable beginning and end (not to exceed two years in length).
- ☺ The proposal does not use funds for staffing of ongoing programs (staffing for the project is appropriate).
- ☺ The project addresses the prevention, reduction or elimination of water pollution.

RANKING CRITERIA

Project proposals will be ranked in a competitive process based on the following factors, however it is not expected that a project would meet all of these factors. It's better to meet some of them well, rather than all of them poorly. Bullet number one is the most important criterion.

- C Does the project have a point source (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Sanitary Sewer Overflows, Storm Water, Biosolids, Pretreatment, Wastewater Management, etc)?
- C Is the project located in any of the following watersheds: 1-70 Corridor (Golden to Glenwood Springs, Colorado), Upper Missouri River Basin, Red River/ Devils Lake Basin, Cherry Creek Watershed, State/Tribal Unified Watershed Assessment high-priority watersheds, and watersheds affected by CBM development.
- C Is the project located in a priority watershed as identified by the State in its Watershed Restoration Action Strategy?
- C Does the project relate to infrastructure funding to address wastewater Operations and Maintenance issues for small communities?
- C Does the project provide capacity building for Tribes?
- C Does the project address the water quality impacts of point sources resulting from growth and sprawl?
- C Consistency of the project with the watershed-based approach to environmental improvement through point and non-point source control functions.
- C The ability to achieve and demonstrate results.
- C The ability to demonstrate water quality improvement.
- C The transferability of project methodology to other projects.
- C The use of matching funds or in-kind matches.
- C The cost of the project relative to the methodology used and the results expected.
- C Enhancement of public participation in water pollution control activities.
- C The use of new procedures or techniques to address point and non-point source related issues.
- C Satisfactory progress or performance on previously awarded 104(b)(3) grants.

For more information on how to apply for 104(b)(3) grants or other Water Quality grants click on or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region08/cfp>